

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 remain pending in the present application. Claim 1 has been amended. Basis for the amendments can be found throughout the specification, claims and drawings as originally filed.

Claim 1 has been amended to address issues related to antecedent basis which were noticed by the Applicants.

ELECTION OF SPECIES

The Examiner has required an election of species pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121 to one of the following patentably distinct species:

- I. The species principally illustrated in Figures 1-5;
- II. The species principally illustrated in Figures 6-7; and,
- III. An in-determinant number of additional un-illustrated variants of the above two species disclosed on page 13, line 9 – page 15, line 7.

Applicants, without traverse, respectfully request the Examiner to proceed with Species I principally illustrated in Figures 1-5. Applicants believe that Claims 1-6 read on the elected species. Claim 8 depends from Claim 7 and thus it is not generic. Claim 4 is the same as Claim 8 but dependent on Claim 1. Applicants request that the non-elected Claims be held in abeyance for possible rejoinder and/or further prosecution in future divisional and/or continuation applications.

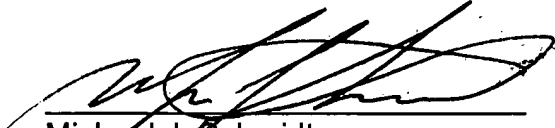
CONCLUSION

It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this Response is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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